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In re application of

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

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Commissioner for Patents
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June 20, 2008

Sir:

This replies to the Notice of May 22, 2008.

It is noted that an entire Brief is not required, just the defective sections may be submitted.

Accordingly, Section (iii) is rewritten as follows.

(iii) **Status of Claims**

Claims 1-7 were originally presented. By a preliminary amendment of May 9, 2005, these were amended to remove multiple dependency.

By an amendment of February 20, 2007, the claims were further amended and claim 2 was canceled.

In an Amendment After Final Rejection, filed August 20, 2007, claims 1 and 4 were amended to replace the term "equidistantly" with the term --at the same distance--.

Claims 1 and 3-7 are rejected and are under appeal.

Claim 2 is canceled.

(vi) Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal

The claim objections having evidently been overcome by amendment, the only rejections to be reviewed on appeal are the rejections of the claims as anticipated by or unpatentable over BRANDENBERG et al. U.S. Patent 6,799,648.

Claims 1, 3-4 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by BRANDENBERG et al. 6,799,648. Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over BRANDENBERG et al. 6,799,648.

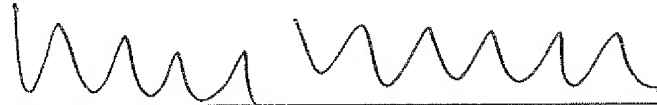
In accordance with the Notice of May 22, 2008, the mentioned portions of our Brief are rewritten herewith.

It is believed that the above is completely in compliance with the Notification of May 22, 2008.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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